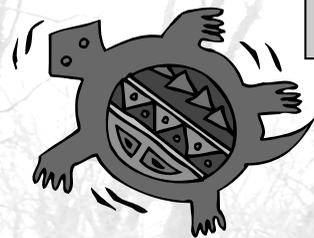


Reptiles & Amphibians



Snakes (Reptiles)

- Black Racer
- Brown Snake
- Brown Water Snake
- *Canebreak Rattlesnake*
The Canebreak is on the Virginia Endangered Species List
- *Cottonmouth*
- Eastern Garter Snake
- Eastern Hognose Snake
- Eastern Kingsnake
- Eastern Milk Snake
- Eastern Ribbon Snake
- Mud Snake
- *Northern Copperhead*
- Northern Scarlet Snake
- Northern Water Snake
- Rainbow Snake
- Rat Snake
- Redbelly Snake
- Redbelly Water Snake
- Rough Earth Snake
- Rough Green Snake
- Scarlet Kingsnake
- Smooth Earth Snake
- Southern Ringneck Snake
- Worm Snake

Turtles (Reptiles)

- Coastal Plain Cooter
- Diamond Back Terrapin
- Eastern Box Turtle
- Eastern Mud Turtle
- Eastern Musk Turtle
- Northern Red-Bellied Cooter
- Painted Turtle
- Snapping Turtle
- Spotted Turtle
- Striped Mud Turtle
- Yellow-Bellied Slider

VENOMOUS

- ⇒ Don't ever step, sit, or put your hands in an area you have not carefully looked at first!
- ⇒ Use caution in areas with berries, small animals that eat the berries are food for snakes.
- ⇒ Don't get in striking range! Snakes can bite at a distance of 1/2 their body length or more.
- ⇒ Do not touch any live or dead snakes!
- ⇒ **If you are bitten by any snake; seek professional medical attention immediately!**

Toads and Frogs (Amphibians)

- Eastern Narrowmouth Toad
- Eastern Spadefoot Toad
- Fowlers Toad
- Oak Toad
- Southern Toad
- Brimley's Chorus Frog
- Bullfrog
- Carpenter Frog
- Coastal Plain Cricket Frog
- Cope's Gray Treefrog
- Green Treefrog
- Little Grass Frog
- Northern Cricket Frog
- Pickerel Frog
- Pine Woods Treefrog
- Southern Chorus Frog
- Southern Leopard Frog
- Spring Peeper
- Squirrel Treefrog



Lizards (Reptiles)

- Broad Head Skink
- Eastern Fence Lizard
- Eastern Glass Lizard
- Eastern Slender Glass Lizard
- Five-Lined Skink
- Ground Skink
- Six-Lined Racerunner
- Southeastern Five-Lined Skink

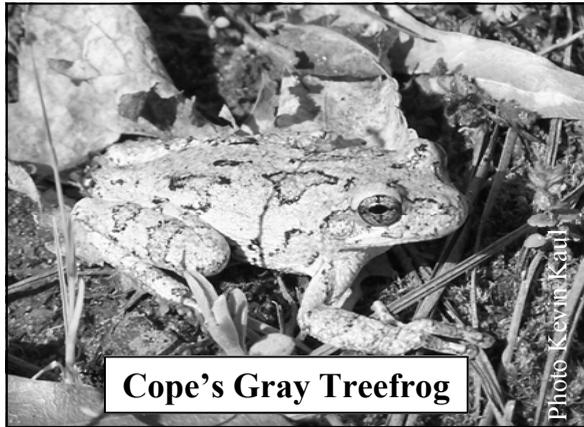
Crocodilians (Reptiles)

- American Alligator
Rare in this area due to the colder climate; they have been seen on occasion in the canal and the Northwest River.

Salamanders (Amphibians)

- Eastern Newt
- Greater Siren
- Lesser Siren
- Mabee's Salamander
- Many-Lined Salamander
- Marbled Salamander
- Mud Salamander
- Northern Dusky Salamander
- Redback Salamander
- Slimey Salamander
- Southern Dusky Salamander
- Two-Toed Amphiuma

Please don't litter!



Cope's Gray Treefrog

Photo: Kevin Kaul

Reptiles

Today there are 6,800 reptile species on earth; the major groups are crocodilians, turtles, lizards, and snakes. All reptiles are cold-blooded, which is why they warm themselves in the sun, and have bodies covered in dry, horny scales. Some reptiles lay eggs; others give birth to live young.

Amphibians

Like many other animals and fishes, amphibians are vertebrates; creatures with a backbone and an internal skeleton. Amphibians live part of their life in water and part on land. Even those species that lay eggs on land start life in a fluid-filled egg, breathing through gills.

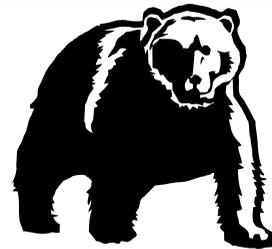
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail Chesapeake, VA



- In Chesapeake, From Greenbrier area take I-64 towards Suffolk. Take Exit 291B for Rt. 17-SOUTH. Follow Rt. 17 South beyond intersection w/Rt. 165 Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 17 Bus (George Washington Hwy.) About 1/2 mile to trail; entrance on LEFT.
- From Elizabeth City NC take Rt. 17 NORTH. Turn LEFT onto 17 Bus (George Washington Hwy.) About 1/2 mile to trail; entrance on LEFT.

Check us out online—www.cityofchesapeake.net—then click on "Parks and Recreation"

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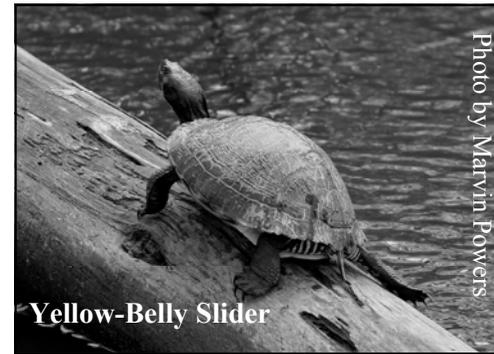


The trail is open year round from sunrise to sunset.

For more information contact
Chesapeake Parks and Recreation
at 382-6411.

By Outdoor Programmer, Kevin Kaul

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Yellow-Belly Slider

Photo by Marvin Powers

Explore the *Great Dismal Swamp* from our 8.5 miles of safe, paved, multiuse trail! The only one of it's kind in the U.S. Rich in history, the Great Dismal Swamp has intrigued man for centuries.

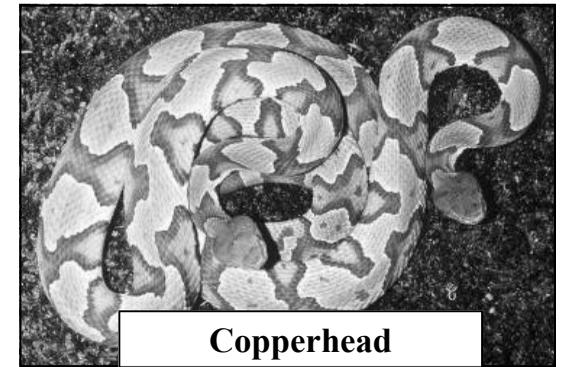
This park contains rare and endangered species! Please proceed with care. Do not attempt to feed or approach any wild animals!

Venomous Snakes

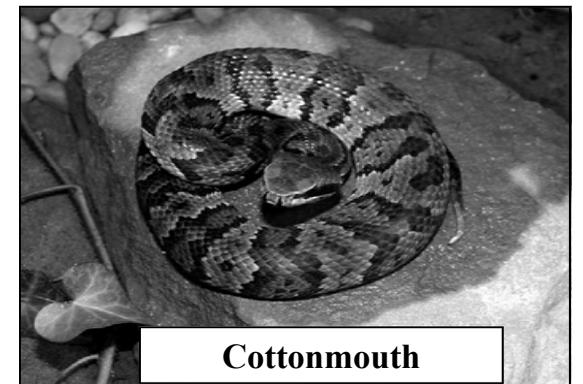
Of all the snakes in this area, only three are venomous. All of them are pit vipers; they have facial pits and vertical cat-like eyes.



Canebrake Rattlesnake



Copperhead



Cottonmouth

It is *illegal* to capture or harm any animal, even venomous ones!